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Active Reading- Reinforcement (After Reading Full Text)

“The Minister’s Black Veil”

**Note:**

This story is a parable. Moral themes form the center of the story.

The Story:

Reverend Hooper enters church with a mysterious black veil over his face, causing quite a stir among his parishioners. He seems ghostlike from head to toe. He delivers a sermon on secret sin and the things people hide in their hearts, "even forgetting the Omniscient (god) can detect them." After the meeting, the congregation discusses the minister's veil, trying to interpret its meaning. The Reverend presents a funeral sermon and a wedding while wearing the veil, much to the dismay and disconcertment of the bride.

1. What kind of story is this? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of the Reverend? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What simile is used to explain how the reverend looks?

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1. What does the reverend deliver his sermon on? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why does the congregation discuss the minister’s veil?

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1. What does the Reverend wear when presenting the funeral sermon and the wedding? Is the bride happy about this?

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The entire town speaks of little else the next day. No one dare ask the minister to remove the veil or explain its presence except for his fiancée. Everyone else if afraid of what his answer might be. The reverend refused to remove the veil. He tells his fiancée, Elizabeth, “There is an hour to come…when all of us shall cast aside our veils.” Everyone’s soul will be revealed on Judgment Day. He also claims it is a sign of his sorrows and refuses to remove it. That was the last attempt to remove the veil. Wearing the veil changes Mr. Hooper’s sermon. It makes the sermon seem more powerful. The veil causes children to flee and others to peep behind gravestones to get a look at his face. He becomes a highly respected minister in New England, notwithstanding the black barrier.

1. Who asks the reverend about his veil? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why won’t anyone else ask the reverend about the veil?

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1. How does the reverend respond to the questioning about his veil? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How does wearing the veil change Mr. Hooper’s sermon?

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1. What does the veil cause the kids to do?

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1. Is the reverend respected? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Reverend Clark tries to persuade Hooper, on his death bed, to remove the veil. His reply: "Why do you tremble at me alone? Tremble also at each other! Have men avoided me, and women shown no pity, and children screamed and fled, only for my black veil? What, but the mystery which it obscurely typifies, has made this piece of crape so awful? When the friend shows his inmost heart to his friend; the lover to his best beloved; when man does not vainly shrink from the eye of his Creator, loathsomely treasuring up the secret of his sin; then deem me a monster, for the symbol beneath which I have lived, and die! I look around me, and, lo! on every visage (face )a Black Veil!" The minister wants to die with the symbol with which he lived most of his life.

1. While Hooper is on his deathbed, who tries to persuade him to take off his veil?

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1. What is Hooper’s response to the plea for him to take off his veil?

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